

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method for promoting a skin basement membrane formation in a subject for which the skin basement membrane formation is necessary, comprising administering a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor N-hydroxy-2(R)-[[ (4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl] (3-picolyl) amino]-3-methylbutanamide hydrochloride to said subject.
2. (currently amended) A method for promoting a skin basement membrane formation in a subject for which the skin basement membrane formation is necessary, comprising administering a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor N-hydroxy-2(R)-[[ (4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl] (3-picolyl) amino]-3-methylbutanamide hydrochloride and a matrix protein production promoting agent to said subject.
- 3 - 6. (canceled)
7. (new) The method for promoting a skin basement formation in accordance with claim 1, further comprising mixing said matrix

metalloproteinase inhibitor with a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor selected from the group consisting of *Thymus serpyllum* L., *Valeriana fauriei* Briquet or other similar plants (Valerianaceae), *Diospyros kaki* Thunberg (Ebenaceae), and *Astragalus sinicus* Linne (Leguminosae).

8. (new) The method for promoting a skin basement formation in accordance with claim 1, further comprising mixing said matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor with a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor selected from the group consisting of *Crataegus cuneata* Siebold et Zuccarini (Rosaceae), *Paeonia suffruticosa* Andrews (*Paeonia montan* Sims) (Paeoniaceae), *Thea sinensis* Linne var. *assamica* Pierre (Theaceae), and *Eucalyptus globules* Labillardiere or its similar plants (Myrtaceae).

9. (new) The method for promoting a skin basement formation in accordance with claim 1, further comprising mixing said matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor with a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor selected from the group consisting of *Potentilla tormentilla* Schrk (Rosaceae), *Tilia cordata* Mill., *Tilia platyphyllum* Scop., and *Tilia europaea* Linne (Tiliaceae).

10. (new) The method for promoting a skin basement formation in accordance with claim 1, further comprising mixing said matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor with a matrix metalloproteinase

inhibitor selected from the group consisting of *Betula alba* Linne (Betulaceae), *Origanum majorana* L., *Uncaria gambir* Roxburgh (Rubiaceae), and *Juglans regia* Linne var. *sinensis* De Candolle or its similar plants (Juglandaceae).

11. (new) The method for promoting a skin basement formation in accordance with claim 1, further comprising mixing said matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor with a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor selected from the group consisting of *Sophora flavescens* Aiton (Leguminosae), *Sanguisorba officinalis* Linne (Rosaceae), *Hypericum perforatum* Linne or *Hypericum erectum* Thunberg (Guttiferae), and *Thea sinensis* Linne (Theaceae).

12. (new) The method for promoting a skin basement formation in accordance with claim 1, further comprising mixing said matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor with a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor selected from the group consisting of *Curcuma longa* L (Zingiberaceae), purified extracts of *Curcuma longa* L including *Symplocos racemosa* and *Cyperus rotundus*, *Cyperus scariosus*, *Gaultheria fragrantissima*, and *Acacia fornensia*.

13. (new) The method for promoting a skin basement formation in accordance with claim 1, further comprising mixing said matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor with a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor selected from the group consisting of *Terminalia*

chebula, *Ficus bengalensis*, *Cassia fistula* Linn, *Lyonia ovalifolia*, *Calophyllum inophyllum*, and *Ficus religiosa*.

14. (new) The method for promoting a skin basement formation in accordance with claim 2, further comprising mixing said matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor with a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor selected from the group consisting of *Thymus serpyllum* L., *Valeriana fauriei* Briquet or other similar plants (Valerianaceae), *Diospyros kaki* Thunberg (Ebenaceae), and *Astragalus sinicus* Linne (Leguminosae).

15. (new) The method for promoting a skin basement formation in accordance with claim 2, further comprising mixing said matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor with a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor selected from the group consisting of *Crataegus cuneata* Siebold et Zuccarini (Rosaceae), *Paeonia suffruticosa* Andrews (*Paeonia montan* Sims) (Paeoniaceae), *Thea sinensis* Linne var. *assamica* Pierre (Theaceae), and *Eucalyptus globules* Labillardiere or its similar plants (Myrtaceae).

16. (new) The method for promoting a skin basement formation in accordance with claim 2, further comprising mixing said matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor with a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor selected from the group consisting of *Potentilla tormentilla* Schrk (Rosaceae), *Tilia cordata* Mill., *Tilia*

platyphyllus Scop., and *Tilia europaea* Linne (Tiliaceae).

17. (new) The method for promoting a skin basement formation in accordance with claim 2, further comprising mixing said matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor with a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor selected from the group consisting of *Betula alba* Linne (Betulaceae), *Origanum majorana* L., *Uncaria gambir* Roxburgh (Rubiaceae), and *Juglans regia* Linne var. *sinensis* De Candolle or its similar plants (Juglandaceae).

18. (new) The method for promoting a skin basement formation in accordance with claim 2, further comprising mixing said matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor with a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor selected from the group consisting of *Sophora flavescens* Aiton (Leguminosae), *Sanguisorba officinalis* Linne (Rosaceae), *Hypericum perforatum* Linne or *Hypericum erectum* Thunberg (Guttiferae), and *Thea sinensis* Linne (Theaceae).

19. (new) The method for promoting a skin basement formation in accordance with claim 2, further comprising mixing said matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor with a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor selected from the group consisting of *Curcuma longa* L (Zingiberaceae), purified extracts of *Curcuma longa* L including *Symplocos racemosa* and *Cyperus rotundus*, *Cyperus scariosus*, *Gaultheria fragrantissima*, and *Acacia fornensia*.

20. (new) The method for promoting a skin basement formation in accordance with claim 2, further comprising mixing said matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor with a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor selected from the group consisting of *Terminalia chebula*, *Ficus bengalensis*, *Cassia fistula* Linn, *Lyonia ovalifolia*, *Calophyllum inophyllum* and *Ficus religiosa*.

21. (new) The method for promoting a skin basement formation in accordance with claim 1, further comprising mixing said matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor with a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor selected from the group consisting of *Symplocos racemosa*, a purified extract of *Curcuma longa* L.

22. (new) The method for promoting a skin basement formation in accordance with claim 2, further comprising mixing said matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor with a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor selected from the group consisting of *Symplocos racemosa*, a purified extract of *Curcuma longa* L.

23. (new) The method for promoting skin basement formation in accordance with claim 2, wherein said matrix protein production promoting agent is selected from the group consisting of one or more of soybean lysolecithin transforming growth factor  $\alpha$  (TGF $\alpha$ ), and transforming growth factor  $\beta$ 1 (TGF $\beta$ 1).